

CLANDESTINE SERVICE SENIOR SEMINARCRITIQUE

1. As you know, the first four days of the Seminar were designed as a sort of backdrop to the problem-tackling weeks, providing: a. a brief survey of developments since World War II and of present international conditions, with particular emphasis on those forces and trends which pose problems for U. S. national objectives and security; b. a look at ourselves and prospects for the future -- the CS in a changing world; and c. an up-to-date and candid look at "the national security process" and the CS role therein. Did you find this portion of the Seminar useful?

- a. No \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Yes, to a slight degree \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Yes, to a moderate degree \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Yes, to a good degree X
- e. Yes, to an exceptional degree \_\_\_\_\_

2. Quite apart from the CS Senior Seminar, do you think that a brief (2 or 3 day) seminar on The CS in a Changing World along the same lines as this backdrop portion would be useful and interesting to other senior CS officers? *Yes, to certain CS officers.*

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3. Unfortunately, agenda changes and other factors beyond our control did not permit the timely dissemination of complete reading kits. Except for receiving reading material in piecemeal fashion, did you find the documents useful to your consideration of the problems discussed?

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- b. Yes, to a slight degree X
- c. Yes, to a moderate degree \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Yes, to a good degree \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Yes, to an exceptional degree \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have any suggestions for changes or improvements in the techniques of the Seminar, e.g., in the method of preparing the papers, the handling of outside contributions by guest speakers, etc.?

*Feel it was well run, particularly for a first run effort. Selection of guest speakers was very good. Perhaps there were would have been suggestions for the topics covered.*

CRITIQUE (cont.)

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5. Do you have any suggestions for changes and improvements in the administration of the Seminar, including space and location?

A safe house located near Hqs would have been more conducive to free thinking, etc altho perhaps a little more difficult to arrange for guest speakers. These speakers were a vital part of the seminar.

6. Do you think the size of the group was appropriate? If not, please explain.

Yes. OR IF ANY changes are to be made, perhaps a few less would be more workable.

7. Do you think that Seminar members were well selected to meet the requirements placed on the Seminar? If not, do you have any suggestions for improving the composition of any such future Seminar?

Generally yes. However, much depends on the topics to be covered.

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8. Did you find the Seminar topics pertinent and challenging?  
What topics would you have included as "vital, current problems of the CS?"

~~The Soviet target would have been  
+ useful topic this time.~~  
The Org of the CS was the most pertinent  
+ challenging. Regret the Soviet problem  
was not covered during this session.

9. Do you have any other comments on the Seminar which might be useful as a basis for improvement or modification of any future Seminar?

Feel a 1 hr briefing by 30 S+T on the  
Technical operations (in general terms) + the type  
info they collect would have been useful.  
A speaker from the DDP's office  
would have been interesting.

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